

had to find available transportation, usually a truck, to drive them 100 miles to the nearest hospital.

I am proud that David Castro is one my constituents and a longtime friend. His caring, motivation and tenacity have provided numerous contributions to many. I applaud his good work and join his friends, colleagues and admirers in thanking him for all he does for others. David is a humanitarian and community leader in every respect.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AGNEW DAVIS
OF ALLENSVILLE, KY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Helen Agnew Davis of Allensville, Kentucky.

Helen passed away on September 27, 2003 at the age of 76. Along with her family, I am pleased that Helen will now receive the national recognition that she deserves for her dedication to School Food Service in Kentucky.

Helen Davis served the children of western Kentucky as the Food Service Director for the Todd County Public Schools. Helen was a member of the American School Food Service Association (ASFSa) and the Kentucky School Food Service Association (KSFSa). She joined those organizations in 1957 and I am told that she holds the record for continuous active membership in the KSFSa. As the 12th President of the FSFSa, long-time Chair of the KSFSa Public Policy and Legislative Committee, and Treasurer of the ASFSa, she truly was a leader in School Food Service.

Helen was the Kentucky representative when ASFSa held its first Washington, D.C. "Fly-in." In addition, she continued to lead the Kentucky delegation during the annual trek to D.C. for two decades. She was a teacher and mentor to anyone interested in learning the legislative process and she always taught the values of legislative activity and other civic duties.

Her wisdom and insight born of experience and careful deliberation were highlighted in the KSFSa's 1988, Futures Seminar and the 1998, Strategic Planning Meeting. The results of those meetings helped KSFSa win the ASFSa President's Award of Excellence for three straight years.

In the mid 1950's, Helen Davis signed on to feed the children of Todd County. Her direction, goals, priorities and challenges have been KSFSa's own. She encouraged all of us to remember why we are here and to always finish what we start. She did just that when she helped finish the new Todd County High School kitchen and cafeteria.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the accomplishments and wonderful life of Helen Davis to the attention of the House.

TRIBUTE TO CRYSTAL CUCKOW

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a dedicated educator from my district. Crystal Cuckow is an extraordinary art teacher from La Junta High School in La Junta, Colorado. Through her dedication and hard work, Crystal shapes the lives of the youth of her community, and I am honored to share her story here today.

Crystal began her career as an educator by teaching art but was soon assigned to teach "stage craft" as well. Throughout her career, Crystal has reached out to many different types of students and encouraged them to express themselves. Crystal has been able to bring the art and entertainment of the theater to students who otherwise would have had little or no exposure to it. Her work with the La Junta theater program earned Crystal the Senior High Theater Educator of the Year Award from the Alliance for Colorado Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Crystal Cuckow's dedication and devotion to her students enriches the lives of Colorado's youth and molds our future leaders. By reaching out to so many students, Crystal has created a diverse environment where creativity is allowed to flourish. I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my congratulations to Crystal for the honor she has received and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors. Thank you, Crystal. Keep up the good work!

IN HONOR OF ST. WENCESLAUS
DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 80th Anniversary of the observance of the Feast of St. Wenceslaus Day at St. Wenceslaus Parish. The celebration will begin with the Eucharist Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. on September 28, 2003.

St. Wenceslaus is the patron saint of Bohemia. He was born near Prague in 903 and his father was the Duke of Bohemia. As Wenceslaus was growing up, his grandmother, also a saint, taught him the values of Christianity. In the year 922, when an anti-Christian faction killed Wenceslaus's father and took over the government, Wenceslaus staged a coup and was named the new ruler. During his reign, Wenceslaus attempted to reduce the oppression of the peasants by the nobility and promoted Christianity.

His younger brother, Boleslaus, joined a group of dissenters after he lost succession to the throne as a result of the birth of Wenceslaus's son. Boleslaus invited his brother to a religious festival, and while Wenceslaus was on his way to mass on the morning of September 28, 929, Boleslaus and a group of followers ambushed him. Wenceslaus's last words were, "May God forgive you, brother." Wenceslaus was immediately venerated as a martyr, and was celebrated as the nation's patron saint by the end of the century.

Today, St. Wenceslaus is remembered for his concern for the poor in a popular Christmas carol, where he leaves his castle with a page during a winter storm to deliver food and wood to a peasant. As the storm worsens, the page follows in Wenceslaus's footsteps, which miraculously warm his freezing feet. By following the path of righteousness, Wenceslaus was led into sainthood, and the page was led out of the storm. The worshippers at Saint Wenceslaus Parish also try to follow the path of righteousness and St. Wenceslaus's example. They are celebrating his feast day this weekend with a Eucharistic Liturgy, a traditional Czech Pork and Dumpling Dinner, and dancing to traditional Czech music.

SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S ASPIRATION
TO BECOME UNITED NATIONS MEMBER

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Taiwan in its aspiration to become a member of the United Nations (UN). Taiwan has all the qualifications: a sound political system, a much-admired economy, and a genuine desire to maintain peace and prosperity in East Asia and the world.

Being the world's 17th largest economy, Taiwan will most certainly be able to carry out all United Nations Charter obligations. Taiwan's economic model is especially valuable for developing nations. Taiwan has always been willing to share this experience with the world by contributing to multilateral aid programs. Taiwan's efforts to help other countries would be much more effective if they could be coordinated with international efforts sponsored by the UN and its specialized agencies. Perhaps one of the best reasons for supporting Taiwan's membership in the United Nations is that Taiwan is willing and anxious to be a full contributing member of the United Nations.

Also, with membership in the United Nations, Taiwan will be able to incorporate itself into the international system of human rights protection, abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. It is heartening to know Taiwan's commitment to human rights is very serious by establishing a National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the principles outlined by the UN.

Taiwan has been denied a voice in the United Nations for too long. I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan, our friend and ally, on their latest bid to return to the United Nations.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 21ST CENTURY
JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with eight of

my colleagues in the House, the 21st Century Job Opportunities Act.

We need to put the nation's unemployed workers back to work. President Bush's policy to cut \$3 trillion in taxes for the rich to stimulate the economy has left millions of Americans looking for work, and millions more working less than they need to in order to pay their bills. Others have given up looking for work altogether because of the dismal economy.

Since the beginning of 2001, the private sector has lost more than 3 million jobs, and the number of unemployed has risen in 49 states and national unemployment levels are over 6 percent, the highest in nearly a decade. Today, 9 million people are out of work and an additional 4.5 million people work parttime because they can't find a full-time job.

At the same time, new U.S. Census data shows that the median household income declined 1.1 percent between 2001 and 2002 and the number of Americans living in poverty increased for the second year in a row.

We can no longer tolerate President Bush's "No New Jobs" policy. Too many hard-working Americans are struggling to pay the rent, bills and provide for their families.

Providing immediate education assistance to unemployed workers to boost their skills so that they can successfully re-enter the workforce is essential. According to analysis by Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY, unemployment rates are more than one and one-half times higher for workers with only a high school degree, compared to workers with at least a Bachelor's degree.

In addition, analysis by the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) shows that in 1973, three-quarters of all jobs were held by those with high school education or less, compared to just 40 percent today.

The 21st Century Job Opportunities Act would provide temporary emergency education assistance for workers who have been laid off and who require additional education and training to successfully re-enter the workforce. The Act would help to put Americans back to work by: Providing temporary emergency education assistance for workers who have been laid off and who require additional education and training to successfully re-enter the workforce; Granting eligible recipients up to an amount equal to the Pell Grant maximum award, towards tuition and fees; and, Providing the training for thousands of workers to help fill demands of the highly skilled workforce.

It is clear that the Republican economic policy, based on tax cuts for the wealthiest people, has failed to reverse the job losses in the economy. We need a new approach, one that puts Americans back to work.

It is essential to the nation's economic recovery that we invest in the education of American workers and put them back to work. I strongly encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and ensuring that Americans can get back to work.

DEDICATION OF CLAYTON, JACKSON, MCGHIE MEMORIAL

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Clayton,

Jackson, McGhie Memorial that will take place in Duluth, Minnesota on October 10. The memorial commemorates the lives of three young black men who were murdered in a mob riot in Duluth in 1920.

In the early morning hours of July 15, 1920, police in Duluth arrested six young black men employed with the visiting John Robinson Circus for the rape of a local white woman. That night a mob numbering between five and ten thousand people broke into the police station, dragging all six prisoners from their cells into the street. After a mock trial that lasted only a few minutes, the mob pronounced Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie guilty.

Clayton, Jackson, and McGhie were then beaten with bricks, had lengths of rope fitted around their necks, and one by one they were lynched from the crook of a lamppost on a nearby street corner.

These three young men died in the largest city in my district, for charges that were later found to be false. Those who carried out this shameful act were never prosecuted for murder or assault. Three men from the mob served the only penalty resulting from the lynching: less than a year each for "rioting." Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie were then quickly forgotten. They will not be forgotten again.

The Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial will feature three, seven-foot bronze sculptures surrounded by walls inlaid with quotations from philosophers. The memorial pays tribute to these innocent young men, murdered by a mob filled with hatred, fear and intolerance. This memorial will serve as a site for remembrance and reflection; a reminder to all who visit of the horrible events of that summer's night 83 years ago. It is fitting and proper that the city of Duluth acknowledges the three circus workers who died and recognizes the catastrophic error of the thoughts and feelings that led to their deaths. This memorial will serve as a lasting reminder of the devastating consequences resulting from this senseless vigilante and provides an opportunity for us to think about society's ultimate penalty: capital punishment.

I am deeply troubled that the death penalty is still considered an appropriate form of punishment in this country. The principles enshrined in the sentencing guidelines of the 38 States that authorize the use of the death penalty are antithetical to the principles of respect, compassion and atonement to be enshrined Friday in downtown Duluth. Capital punishment legitimates violence as a response to violence, but as Dr. Martin Luther King wrote in 1967, "The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy . . . Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars."

I am very pleased to offer my strong support for the Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial in Duluth and for the principles for which this memorial stands. I want to congratulate Henry Banks and Catherine Ostos, the co-chairs of Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial Committee, for their tireless efforts to make this memorial a reality, and to the artist Carla Stetson and writer Anthony Peyton Porter for their impressive creative work. These dedicated individuals have created a powerful statement that publicly proclaims that racism and violence have no place in Duluth, in Min-

nesota, in the United States, or in this world. It is important for the Duluth community to acknowledge this shameful past event, but it is even more impressive that Duluth has created a vision for the future that celebrates the vision of a more perfect union of tolerance and social justice.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN LOGUE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of John Logue, Ph.D., a constituent of mine from Kent, Ohio and one of this year's Ford Foundation honorees. Every year the Ford Foundation bestows the Leadership for a Changing World Award on a handful of citizens working to bring positive social change to their communities and beyond. Dr. Logue goes above and beyond this requirement.

In founding the Ohio Employee Ownership Center, he has led more than 60 firms to employee ownership. After studying cooperative corporations abroad, Dr. Logue was inspired by the idea that just as with governments, democratic companies outperform autocracies. His involvement with the Ecumenical Coalition to protect the steel industry in Youngstown, Ohio inspired him to start the OEOC in 1987.

With the help of his staff, Dr. Logue provides over 4,000 hours of leadership training each year and has helped 483 companies explore the possibility of employee ownership. In essence, the OEOC has helped create more than 12,825 new business owners who have built approximately a half-billion dollars in assets. During a time when factories are closing and thousands of Ohioans are without jobs, employee owned companies have remained strong—not one in Ohio has moved to a lower-wage state or country.

A distinguished professor of comparative politics at Kent State University and a widely recognized authority on Scandinavian Government, John Logue has demonstrated the level of ingenuity and leadership critical to our country in such trying economic times. I congratulate Dr. Logue on this award and his ongoing commitment to improving business and employment opportunities for all of Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO ELNA MAE RYDEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of an outstanding citizen from my district. Elna Mae Ryden of New Castle, Colorado recently passed away at the age of eighty-one. Elna was an active and talented member of her community, and as her family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to pay tribute to her life and achievements.

Elna was very active in her community, donating her time and talents to a wide variety